

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 388, 2/2/2009; HB 432, 2/2/2009;
HB 456, 2/2/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON HB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:49 Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 388, Impose oil and gas surtax for quality educator energy for education payment.

EXHIBIT (edh34a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:11 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Policy Advisor

00:16:36 Eric Stearn, Senior Counsel, Office of the Governor

00:23:20 Jim Elliot, Former State Senator, Trout Creek

EXHIBIT (edh34a02)

00:33:44 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

EXHIBIT (edh34a03)

EXHIBIT (edh34a04)

EXHIBIT (edh34a05)

00:51:50 Diane Anfenson, Physical Education Teacher, Kalispell, Montana

00:55:31 Angela McLean, Teacher, Anaconda, Montana

01:02:15 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

01:04:07 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

01:04:34 Tom Altmaier, Volunteer Advocate, Montana Retired Educators Association

EXHIBIT (edh34a06)

01:05:21 Ross Keogh, Absarokee, Montana

01:06:21 Bob Decker, The Policy Institute, Helena, Montana

01:07:58 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Schools, Helena, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:29 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Petroleum Association

EXHIBIT (edh34a07)

01:24:28 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

EXHIBIT (edh34a08)

01:34:15 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

EXHIBIT (edh34a09)

01:37:15 Johnny Brumley, Encore Oil Company, Fort Worth, Texas

01:42:11 Dave Ballard, President, Ballard Petroleum Association, Billings, Montana

01:49:31 Tom Luttrell, Senior Vice President, Continental
Resources Incorporated
01:56:40 Eric Olsen, Petroleum Engineer, Butte, Montana
01:58:26 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:59:25 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration & Production
Company

EXHIBIT (edh34a10)

02:01:00 Mel Drake, Citizen

EXHIBIT (edh34a11)

02:02:25 Daniel Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner
02:03:30 Mark Rehbein, Richland County Commissioner
02:04:10 Bob Gilbert, Richland County, Dawson County,
Musselshell County
02:05:13 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County Commissioner
02:05:40 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation
02:08:10 Roger Hagen, Hagen Family Mineral Trust

Informational Testimony:

02:09:33 Nancy Hall, Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and
Program Planning

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:20 Rep. Butcher
02:13:01 Rep. Van Dyk
02:13:56 Rep. Butcher
02:14:52 Mr. Montalban
02:15:12 Rep. Butcher
02:15:30 Mr. Montalban
02:16:04 Rep. Blasdel
02:17:03 Rep. Van Dyk
02:18:20 Rep. Wilmer
02:18:51 Mr. Decker
02:19:57 Rep. Wilmer
02:20:13 Mr. Decker
02:21:38 Rep. Wilmer
02:22:47 Mr. Decker
02:23:31 Rep. Fleming
02:24:01 Mr. Decker
02:26:37 Rep. Washburn
02:26:59 Mr. Stearn
02:27:17 Rep. Washburn
02:27:42 Mr. Stearn
02:28:11 Rep. Washburn
02:28:21 Mr. Stearn
02:29:58 Rep. Washburn
02:30:16 Mr. Stearn

02:30:35 Rep. Butcher
02:31:16 Mr. Ballard
02:32:01 Rep. Butcher
02:32:12 Mr. Ballard
02:33:39 Rep. Boniek
02:34:24 Mr. Galt
02:34:55 Rep. Malek
02:35:26 Mr. Luttrell
02:35:58 Rep. Malek
02:36:17 Mr. Luttrell
02:36:58 Rep. Malek
02:37:06 Mr. Luttrell
02:38:02 Rep. Butcher
02:38:23 Mr. Galt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:28 Rep. Van Dyk
02:40:03 Break
02:57:39 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:57:49 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 432, Authorize school trustee election by acclamation.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:00:28 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
03:02:45 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Association
03:04:24 Lisa Kimmett, Elections Deputy, Secretary of State
03:05:01 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
03:05:11 Bob Runkel, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:05:52 Rep. Mehlhoff

03:06:47 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON HB 456

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:06:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 456, Require seat belts on new school buses.

EXHIBIT (edh34a12)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:11:46 Joe Cohenour, Highway Patrol Office, School Board
Trustee

EXHIBIT (edh34a13)

03:18:09 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers' Association

03:18:57 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony:

03:20:43 Larry Woodring, School Bus Driver, Townsend, Montana

03:21:55 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Drivers Association

03:24:07 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

03:28:19 Robert G. Brastrup, School Bus Driver, Townsend,
Montana

Informational Testimony:

03:37:12 Bob Runkel, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Office of
Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:48:07 Rep. McClafferty

03:48:27 Rep. Cohenour

03:48:41 Rep. Butcher

03:49:24 Mr. Cohenour

03:50:32 Rep. Butcher

Closing by Sponsor:

03:51:10 Rep. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

03:55:38 Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh34aad.pdf](#))